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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 0930 HOURS JULY 23 THE PRESS SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MADE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO JOURNALISTS IN OTTAWA: QUOTE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HE RECEIVED A MESSAGE ON JULY 22, 1976, FROM SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER INDICATING THAT, BECAUSE OF SCHEDULING PROBLEMS, DR. KISSINGER WILL BE UNABLE TO COME TO MONTREAL NEXT WEEK, AND TO HAVE A MEETING WITH MR. MACEACHEN AT THAT TIME. SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS INDICATED THAT HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING A MEETING SOON AND HAS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE PROPOSED MEETING CAN BE RE-SCHEDULED AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE. DR. KISSINGER HAS SUGGESTED A COUPLE OF POSSIBILITIES IN THIS CONNECTION WHICH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IS STUDYING. UNQUOTE.

2. BASED ON THIS ANNOUNCEMENT PLUS TALKS WITH EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PRESS OFFICERS THE CANADIAN PRESS WIRE SERVICE THEN PUT THE FOLLOWING STORY ON THEIR TICKERS ACROSS CANADA: QUOTE KISSINGER-MTL NOTE. OTTAWA (CP) - U.S. STATE SECRETARY HENRY KISSINGER HAS INFORMED CANADIAN AUTHORITIES HE HAS NO TIME TO GO TO THE OLYMPIC GAMES UNCLASSIFIED

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IN MONTREAL. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER ALLAN MACEACHEN

ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT MR. KISSINGER SAID SCHEDULING PROBLEMS FORCED CANCELLATION OF PLANS TO ATTEND NEXT WEEK. HE AND MR. MACEACHEN WERE TO HAVE HAD TALKS AT THAT TIME. MR. MACEACHEN SAID THAT MR. KISSINGER SUGGESTED TWO NEW DATES FOR THE TALKS AND THEY ARE BEING CONSIDERED. AN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, ASKED ABOUT REPORTS LAST WEEK THAT MR. KISSINGER WOULD REFUSE TO COME TO CANADA BECAUSE OF DISAGREEMENT OVER CANADIAN POLICY ON TAIWAN, SAID THE STATE SECRETARY HAD SAID SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES ARE THE REASON FOR THE CANCELLATION. CANADA WAS CRITICIZED BY U.S. PRESIDENT GERALD FORD FOR REFUSING TO ALLOW TAIWANESE ATHLETES TO ENTER THE COUNTRY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GAMES AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. UNQUOTE.

3. OTTAWA JOURNAL JULY 23 CARRIED GIST OF ABOVE CP WIRE ITEM IN SMALL FRONT PAGE BOX.
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